



DIGIMI

What is DIGIMI about?

The DIGItal storytelling for Migrant Integration project is a two-year project, co-funded by the AMIF Programme of the European Commission, and implemented by 10 partners from 8 EU countries. The project aims to provide solutions regarding transnational actions on asylum, migration and integration.

Which are the objectives of the DIGIMI project?

The project has as key objective the involvement of the local community to facilitate social integration for migrants through volunteering activities to provide support to third-country nationals in areas such as knowledge of the new local environment, “ways, customs and habits” of the new society as well as understanding of the latter through digitally narrated stories.

These will be achieved through a combination of activities such as:

- Interviews with migrants/refugees/stakeholders

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- State of the Art and Gap Analysis Literature Review,
- Digital Stories in Animated Format,
- National Implementation of training for professionals and migrants.

What's happened until now?

The project activities were launched at the partnership kick-off meeting, held online on the 17th of December 2020.

The first step of the DIGIMI implementation was the field research analysis, policy and practice review.

The objective of these activities was to collect the needs, the perceptions, the challenges and the expectations of the migrants and refugees, professionals working in the field of integration and other actors in the national and EU policy-makers, and relevant public servants in capacity building, networking and training, as the primary target groups of the project.

Five main integration challenges for migrants were identified throughout the analysis of the country reports. These in-

clude: the language barrier, bureaucratic hardships related to migration and integration, challenges in finding a stable job, negative attitudes towards migrants and stereotyping, difficulties in establishing relationships with the locals.

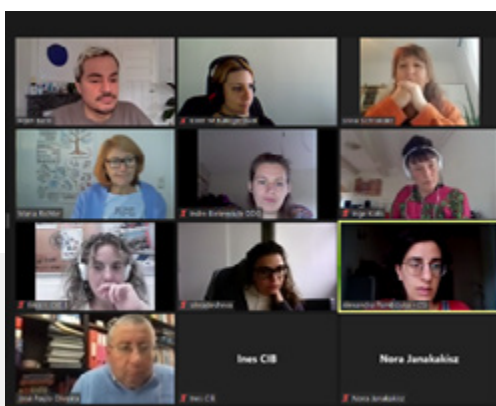
Five key factors which ease the integration process have been identified. These include prior experience of living abroad, having friends and family members in the host country, support from organizations and NGOs, stable job and career and personal traits.

What are the next steps in DIGIMI?

After successfully carrying out the research and needs assessment part, the DIGIMI team is moving on to the development of the training package!

The consortium has contributed in the creation of the Digital Storytelling Pedagogical Methodology, which takes into consideration the needs and capabilities of contributors at different stages of learning. Then, the creation of the training package will take place, with modules for practitioners on how to integrate the Digital Stories in their training and awareness activities toward the local community and guidelines on the direct implementation targeting local community citizens.

Finally, the material will be made available in the Online Learning Platform of DIGIMI.



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